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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. Only a copy of the European document is enclosed, pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55 (August 5, 2003).

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These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. In this regard, the Nass article ("Firewire ...") cited in the European Search Report was previously cited in the subject application in an Information Disclosure Statement dated August 28, 2003.

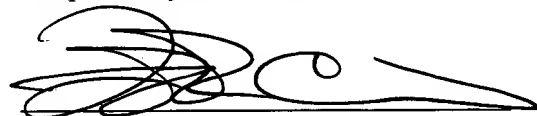
A copy of the European Search Report, which is dated November 18, 2005, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is noted that this application has received a final action. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by the requisite \$180.00 fee.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing and returning a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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